

# **The Quarter Note**

132nd Army Band Newsletter

**June 2014** 

### Welcome Friends of the 132nd Army Band!

We are pleased to bring you a new quarterly newsletter filled with information about our soldiers and their activities through out the year. Our mission for this newsletter is to bring you up to date on current events in the unit and create a more connected audience. Currently the band is preparing to perform at the High School in Stoughton, WI in May as well as gearing up for our Northeastern Tour for Annual Training. Each ensemble is diligently practicing and training to bring amazing music to the public.

#### The (New) Army Song

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.

Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.

We're the Army and proud of our name!

We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where're we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.



1SG Deborah Dahlman First Sergeant Saxophone Player



#### SSG LAUREN MAERZ

Instruments: Alto and Baritone Saxophone

Where do you live? Chicago, IL

Hometown: Deforest, WI

Family: 4 parents, 4 siblings, and a boyfriend (Bob). It's a

loud and crazy family and I love them to pieces!

**Civilian Life:** Underwrite insurance & re-insurance for public and non-profit entities for Munich RE. I travel around the country, as well as outside of the country. I love running,

traveling, and reading.

Where would you most like to travel? Germany, ride a camel, see a safari...Africa, to go on a safari on a camel.

Why did you enlist? In High School I struggled in the decision to pursue business or music. Mr. Anderson was my band director at the time and in process of becoming the Commander. He convinced me to pursue music in the military so that I could have the best of both worlds.

Time in service: 11 years. Joined at the age of 17.

What was the best part of basic training? Being pushed to do things I never knew I could do.

What was the worst part of basic training? The mind games.

What is your most memorable military moment? Playing on Lambeau Field for the first 20 WI Fallen Soldiers was a very honorable and humbling experience.

Who has been a role model to you and why? Beth Wold because she brings a positive "lens". She is always hunting the good and is willing to take the time to solve any issues.

Advice to others: Stay positive, work hard, the only constant in life is change.

### SOLDIERS REPRESENT AT ALC

SSG Lauren Maerz and SSG Tyler Terrell attended the Advanced Leadership Course in Little Creek, Virginia to complete training for their military careers. At the school the soldiers learn how to conduct, perform drum major tasks and develop leadership skills. SSG Terrell received the coveted Honor Grad award as well as a Peer Mentor award, while also receiving his Charlie One (a score of 30 or higher out of 40 points on musical playing ability). SSG Maerz received the Peer Mentor award and Distinguished Leadership award. Their ensemble "Pop Rocks" passed their MPT scenario assessment with flying colors and had fun accomplishing the task. SSG Maerz and SSG Terrell made the 132nd Army Band proud with their commitment and professionalism while attending the School of Music.



Pop Rocks MPT members at ALC

## Meet our Full Time Staff



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#### SSG TYLER TERRELL

Instruments: Trumpet, vocals, guitar, bass guitar

Where do you live? De Pere, WI

Hometown: Green Bay, WI

Family: (Wife) Kalan, married 7 years.

**Civilian Life:** Full Time WI Military Funeral Honors, plays bass in a Green Bay based band called "Fat Brass", big PC gamer (RPG's), likes to role play— has a group of friends over once a week to drink beer and role play. We have a good time.

Where would you most like to travel? Iberian Peninsula/ Southern France. My wife and I try go on a big trip every 2-3 years.

Where was the most awesome place you have been to? Bora Bora, as a pre-marriage honeymoon.

Why did you enlist? I saw the Air Force Jazz Band and was inspired to audition for the Army Band. I decided that Army would have more opportunities due to it being a larger branch of service.

**Time in Service:** 21 years. 4 years active duty at Ft. Sill, 17 years with 132nd Army Band.

What was the best part of basic training? The food! Favorite DFAC food is chili mac...yum yum yum.

What was the worst part of basic training? Being away from home, missing family.

## What is your favorite military memory?

Graduating with honors from the school of music way back in AIT. It was a meaningful recognition for me as one of the youngest members of my class.

Who has been a role model to you and why?

Johnny Meyers— trumpet player in the 132nd band/



section leader/ squad leader. Johnny made a big impact on me in both military and civilian settings. He hooked me up with some extraordinary gig opportunities, believed in me and set a good example. He was also a great drinking buddy.

**Advice to others:** You get out of it what you put into it, that goes for everything in life.

## The Commander's Corner



Greetings from the 132nd Army Band and welcome to our first quarterly newsletter. I would like to recognize SGT Andrea Miller, SGT Annette Eis and SPC Vicky Wilda for their combined efforts in coordinating the production of this newsletter. They will ensure that you receive pertinent information regarding significant events surrounding the 132nd Army Band. We continue to offer great opportunities for the Soldiers and communities of Wisconsin through our musical support. Our goal is to share those opportunities with as many people as possible. Feel free to share our newsletter with others and thank you for your interest.

CW3 Brad Anderson,

Commanding, 132nd Army Band